IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application:

1. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition for oral administration of phloroglucinol, comprising solid phloroglucinol in combination with a solid buffer system~~,~~ which~~, when the composition is placed in an aqueous medium, results in~~ is sufficient to buffer gastric acidity to a pH ~~in the aqueous medium~~ between pH 3 and pH 7.

2. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said ~~buffer~~ pH is between 4 and 6.

3. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of tablets, gelatin capsules, powders, granules or lyophilizates.

4. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said buffer system comprises at least one organic acid and/or at least one salt of an organic acid in association with at least one strong base and/or at least one salt of a strong base.

5. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 4, wherein said organic acid is selected from the group consisting of citric, tartaric, malic, lactic, acetic, glutaric, benzoic and adipic acids.

6. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 4, wherein said base comprises sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, potassium bicarbonate or potassium carbonate.

7. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of an effervescent solid galenical preparation.

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8. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of an effervescent tablet.

9. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim ~~9~~ 8, in the form of an effervescent tablet containing citric acid and sodium bicarbonate.

10. (previously presented) Process for the preparation of a solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, comprising formulating the phloroglucinol in a solid form with a solid buffer system ~~which, when said solid composition is placed in an aqueous medium, results in~~ sufficient to buffer gastric acidity to a pH between pH 3 and pH 7.

11. (currently amended) A method for administration of phloroglucinol to a human or animal in need thereof, comprising formulating the phloroglucinol in a composition in combination with a buffer system capable of buffering ~~the composition when placed in an aqueous medium~~ gastric acidity to a pH between 3 and 7, and administering the composition to a human or animal.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the pH is between 4 and 6.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the phloroglucinol is formulated in a solid composition.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the phloroglucinol is formulated in a liquid composition.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the composition is administered in liquid form.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the liquid form in effervescent.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 11,

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wherein the composition is administered in solid form.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the solid form is a tablet or gelatin capsule.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said buffer system comprises at least one organic acid and/or at least one salt of an organic acid in association with at least one strong base and/or at least one salt of a strong base.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said organic acid is selected from the group consisting of citric, tartaric, malic, lactic, acetic, glutaric, benzoic and adipic acids.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said base comprises sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, potassium bicarbonate or potassium carbonate.

22. (currently amended) A dosage form for pharmaceutical administration of phloroglucinol, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of phloroglucinol in combination with a buffer system which is capable~~, when the dosage form is placed in an aqueous medium, of maintain the medium at~~ of buffering gastric acidity to a pH of between 3 and 7.

23. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 22 wherein the buffer is capable of maintaining a pH of between 4 and 6.

24. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 22, which is a tablet or gelatin capsule.

25. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 22, which is an effervescent tablet or granules.

26. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 23, wherein the buffer system comprises citric acid and sodium

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bicarbonate.

27. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 22, which is in the form of a liquid.

28. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 22, wherein the therapeutically effective amount is about 80 mg.

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